MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Contract for the iron works and erection has been given.

(*b*) The contractors have started work.

*Rural Schools in the State.*

120. MR. REVATINAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): With reference to Section 18, Chapter II, of the Education Code, describing a kind of rural schools, will the Government be pleased to state how many such schools are there in existence at present (31-2-1104)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rural schools, as such, are not now maintained by the Education Department.

*Measures for poor relief.*

121. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any step for poor relief in the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If the member means by 'poor relief' an organised system of relief of the poor by the State, the answer is in the negative.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any kind of organised system of the relief of the poor has been taken up by the Government?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a sort of poor relief in Trivandrum where *kanji* is distributed to the poor from an endowment.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from the member whether Government intend organising any kind of poor relief in the State?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not at present.

*Road from the 6th mile in the Quilon-Shencotta Road to Poyapalli.*

122. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of the Quilon and Kottarakara taluks, by means of petitions addressed to the Dewan, for opening a new road from the 6th milestone on the Quilon-Shencotta road to Poyapalli;

(*b*) whether they propose to take any step in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer would find it convenient to make a personal inspection of the proposed line?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

(*c*) Yes.

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123. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Budget Session of the Legislative Council begun in Karkatakam 1103 M.E., came to a close;

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